Dewan.—

The collections are all deposited in the Savings Bank and 5 per cent interest is received on that. Government themselves do not use that money at all.

Mr. Rudrappa.—

Is it to be understood that no railway would be put up until the Government get 64 lakhs of rupees?

Dewan.—

That impression is not conveyed by the reply given.

Mr. Rudrappa.—

How long would it take to lay the railway line?

Dewan.—

It is not possible for either this Assembly or the Government to commit the future administration by fixing a particular period of time. The whole question will be examined and a regular programme cast..

By MR. D. S. MALLAPPA (Tiptur Taluk).—

Q.—31. Will the Government be pleased to give the following information:—

(*a*) The total number of members of the Chamber of Commerce to which special representation has been given in the Legislative Council. the Representative Assembly and other Representative bodies.

(*b*) The number of members of the said Chamber belonging to the cities of Bangalore and Mysore and those to the moffusil places.

(*c*) The amount of grant given to the Chamber by Government in each year since its inception.

(*d*) The number of members in each of the three years.

(*e*) The number of branches and the number of moffusil members that the Chamber had during the first three years.

(*f*) The reason why there is a decrease in the number of members in recent years and why the branches were abolished?

(*g*) Whether the Chamber represents the various interests of the mercantile classes and the total amount of expenditure involved for salaries and other charges and

the total amount of arrear of subscription due from its present members?

(*h*) The number and nature of the representations, resolutions and interpellations, brought forward by the representatives of the Chamber in the Representative Assembly and the Legislative Council since the introduction of the reforms and how many of these relate to mercantile interests?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, REVENUE DEPARTMENT.—

A.—31.

(*a*) 57.

(*b*) 45 local and 12 moffusil members for the year 1924-25.

(*c*) Rs. 850 a year for five years from 1917-18 to 1921-22. The grant ceased with effect from 1922-23.

(*d*)	1916-17	....	151
	1917-18	....	137
	1918-19	....	114
(*e*)	No branches.		
	1916-17	....	81
	1917-18	....	72
	1918-19	....	42

(*f*) Depression in trade and industry and financial stringency.

(*g*) Yes. The Chamber being a private body, Government cannot furnish this information.

(*h*) The member is referred to the proceedings of the Representative Assembly and Legislative Council of such years for information on this point.

Supplementary Questions.

Mr. Mallappa.—

With reference to answer to (*a*) is it right that the Chamber of Commerce with only 57 members should be given the power to return members to the Assembly as well as the Legislative Council.

Dewan.—

It is not a supplemental question that can be asked.

Mr. Mallappa.—

With reference to answer to (*b*) does "local" mean Bangalore City?

First Member of Council.-

It seems so.

Mr. Mallappa.—

Have any enquires been made as to the decrease in the number of members from the moffusil?

First Member of Council.—

A reply has already been given.

Mr. Mallappa.—

Are the Government aware that the subscription for membership has been enhanced?

First Member of Council.—

Government have no information.

Mr. Mallappa.—

Cannot the Government reduce the subscription for membership so as to get more members from the moffusil?

First Member of Council.—

You can bring up a representation to that effect.

Mr. Paramasiviah.—

I want to know whether the Chamber of Commerce has been exempted from the operation of the rule under which, special representation of any association can be given only if its members number not less than 100.

First Member of Council.—

The Chamber of Commerce has been given a representation as such, irrespective of its strength. It is a special body with a special representation.

Mr Paramasiviah.—

Has the Grain Merchants' Association of Bangalore applied for a similar representation?

Dewan.—

That is a new question which does not arise out of the original interpellation.

Mr. Byanna.—

Is not the question of the reduction or increase in the strength of the constitutional assemblies to be taken into consideration only at the time of the next election ?

No answer.

By MR. D. S. MALLAPPA (Tiptur Taluk).—

Q.—32. Will the Government be pleased to inform :—

(*a*) The number of Chattrams that were closed during the last five years and the amounts saved thereby.

(*b*) How much of the savings effected thereby is otherwise utilised, and the objects for which such savings were utilised ?

(*c*) Whether they have taken any steps to feed people of all communities in the existing Chattrams ?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, REVENUE DEPARTMENT.—

A.—32. *Vide* reply to Interpellation No. 13.

By. MR. SIDDAIAH (Chiknayakanhalli Taluk).—

Q.—33. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) The number of persons of each community represented in Amildari and Shekdari service, respectively before the publication of the Miller Committee Report.

(*b*) The number of persons of each community in the said service at the beginning of the year 1925.

(*c*) The number of appointments made for the above-mentioned posts after the publication of the Miller Committee Report, both by promotion and direct recruitment every year and the number of persons of each community so appointed.

(*d*) As contemplated in the Miller Committee Report, does the Government hope to represent the backward community by 50 per cent of the appointments in Amildari and Shekdari service within seven years after the passing of the said report ?

(*e*) What were the qualifications prescribed for filling up vacancies in Shekdari service before the Miller Committee Report came into operation and what are the qualifications now prescribed when the report is in force ?